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For	:	INTERNET DOMAIN NAME	)
		REGISTRATION SYSTEM	)
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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

I, Barry Fellman, hereby declare as follows:

1.   I am the sole named inventor in the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application (the "present application"), which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/168,368, filed December 1, 1999 (the "provisional application"). I am also the founder and CEO of Signature Domains.

2.   No later than January of 1999, I reduced to practice (with the assistance of outside IT specialists) a system for checking the registration availability of domain names (the "Multi-check system"). I initially used the Multi-check system in-house, and later deployed the system as part of a publicly-accessible web site. The initial reduction to practice and use of the Multi-check system occurred within the United States.

3.   Attached to this Declaration are four screen shots, each dated January 29, 1999, showing the user interface of the Multi-check system as initially reduced to practice. These four screen shots, labeled Figures A-D, also appear in my provisional application.

4.   As shown in Figure A, the Multi-check system allowed a user to check up to five names at a time. Specifically, the user could enter up to five names into a web form without specifying corresponding Top Level Domain (TLD) extensions, and then select a "check

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availability" button to submit a corresponding query to a server *used to implement the Multi-check system. This server, referred to herein as the Multi-check server, was responsible for generating the screen displays shown in Figures A-D (including the results table shown in Figure B), and was operated by Applicant in the United States no later than January of 1999.*

5.   *Upon receiving a query submission from a user, the Multi-check server would query a registry database operated by Network Solutions to check the registration availability of each user-specified name in combination with each of multiple TLD extensions. For example, if the user were to enter the names "patlaw" and "patentlaw," the registry database would be queried to check the availability of patlaw.com, patlaw.net, patlaw.org, patentlaw.com, patentlaw.net, and patentlaw.org.*

6.   As shown by Figures B and C, the Multi-check system would display the results of the query within a table which indicated the availability status of each name for each of multiple TLD extensions. While viewing this table, the user could select one or more of the available names to register by selecting one or more of the associated check boxes, and then select the "register selected names" button to submit a request to register the selected names. A confirmation page (Figure D) would then be displayed to confirm the user's request.

7.   No later than January of 1999, I used the Multi-check system in the United States, including the views shown in Figures A-D, to check registration availability of multiple domain names at a time, and to generate requests in which I would request registration of multiple domain names in a single request.

8.   *The following are examples of domain names that I personally registered in January of 1999 in the U.S. using the Multi-check system (including the views shown in Figures A-D), with the date of registration shown in parenthesis after each domain name: firstmiami.net (01-10-1999), artphoto.net (01-10-1999), lazynet.net (01-17-1999), grandmanet.net (01-17-1999), easenet.net (01-18-1999), netsharp.net (01-18-1999), grandpanet.net (01-19-1999), britenet.net (01-19-1999), helpnet.net (01-19-1999), and momnet.net (01-19-1999).*

9.   *All of these registrations remain active in the registry, as can be verified by running a "whois" search from the web page at www.verisign.com/nds/naming/. The registration information for one of these domain names, firstmiami.net, is attached as Figure E.*

10.   The Multi-check system, as implemented and used within the United States no later than January of 1999, falls within the scope, and represents a reduction to practice, of each of the pending independent claims of the present application, *as well as dependent Claims 20-22, 27-29, 31, 35-37, and 40-42,* as amended by the amendment filed herewith.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Dated: *4- / 3 - 0 4*   By: _____

                                         Barry Fellman

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DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION
- **Quick** – Check up to 5 names at a time
- **Easy** – Our simple instructions guide you
- **Save** – Only $55 each for 5 or more names

Start here by entering the names that you would like to register
Enter up to 5 names and click "Check Availability"

www [yahoo]
www [patlaw]
www [specifiedname]
www [namevariation1]
www [namevariation2]

[**Check Availability**]

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Fig. A

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Select the names you want to register by checking the boxes. Each name you check will be added to your selection list.

Domain	com	net	org
yahoo	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
patlaw	Not Available	Not Available	☑ Available
specifiedname	☐ Available	☐ Available	☑ Available
name variation 1	☐ Available	☐ Available	☑ Available
name variation 2	☐ Available	☐ Available	☑ Available

Register Selected Names **Show Selection List**

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Fig. B

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Domain	.com	.net	.org
yahoo	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
patlaw	Not Available	Not Available	☐ Available
specifiedname	☑ Available	☑ Available	☑ Available
namevariation1	☑ Available	☐ Available	☐ Available
namevariation2	☑ Available	☐ Available	☐ Available

Register Selected Names   **Show Selection List**

Fig. C

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You have selected the following names for registration. If you are satisfied with your selections begin the registration process. You may delete names from your list by unchecking the name and clicking "Update List".

Domain Name List

☑ specifiedname.com

☑ specifiedname.net

☑ specifiedname.org

☑ namevariation1.com

☑ namevariation2.com

Begin Registration **Update List**

You may also check for additional names

Check Availability

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Fig. D

FIGURE E

VeriSign
The Value of Trust™

NAMING AND DIRECTORY SERVICES

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Products & Services

COM NET Registry

Internationalized Domain Names

Name Store

DNS Assurance Services

EPC Network Services

Digital Brand Management

.bz Program

Resources

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VeriSign WHOIS Search Results

Search Registry Whois:

◉ Domain (ex.verisign.com)
○ Registrar (ex. ABC Registrar, Inc.)
○ Nameserver (ex.NS.NETSOL.COM or 198.41.0.196)

[Submit] Help | FAQs

NOTE: Successful domain registrations and modifications may not be in the WHOIS database for up to 48 hours.

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[whois.verisign-grs.com]

Whois Server Version 1.3

Domain names in the .com and .net domains can now be registered
with many different competing registrars. Go to http://www.internic.net
for detailed information.

    Domain Name: FIRSTMIAMI.NET
    Registrar: 123 EASY DOMAIN NAMES DBA SIGNATURE DOMAINS
    Whois Server: whois.signaturedomains.com
    Referral URL: http://www.signaturedomains.com
    Name Server: NS3.SIGNATUREDOMAINS.COM
    Name Server: NS4.SIGNATUREDOMAINS.COM
    Status: ACTIVE
    Updated Date: 11-jan-2004
    Creation Date: 10-jan-1999
    Expiration Date: 10-jan-2005


>>> Last update of whois database: Wed, 14 Apr 2004 07:30:46 EDT <<<

NOTICE: The expiration date displayed in this record is the date the
registrar's sponsorship of the domain name registration in the registry is
currently set to expire. This date does not necessarily reflect the expirat
date of the domain name registrant's agreement with the sponsoring
registrar.  Users may consult the sponsoring registrar's Whois database to
view the registrar's reported date of expiration for this registration.

TERMS OF USE: You are not authorized to access or query our Whois
database through the use of electronic processes that are high-volume and
automated except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or
modify existing registrations; the Data in VeriSign Global Registry
Services' ("VeriSign") Whois database is provided by VeriSign for
information purposes only, and to assist persons in obtaining information
about or related to a domain name registration record. VeriSign does not
guarantee its accuracy. By submitting a Whois query, you agree to abide
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